

MCCAIN), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 189 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Akaka	Feingold	Nelson (FL)
Baucus	Feinstein	Nelson (NE)
Bayh	Harkin	Pryor
Biden	Inouye	Reed
Bingaman	Johnson	Reid
Boxer	Kerry	Rockefeller
Brown	Klobuchar	Salazar
Byrd	Kohl	Sanders
Cantwell	Landrieu	Schumer
Cardin	Lautenberg	Smith
Carper	Leahy	Stabenow
Casey	Levin	Tester
Clinton	Lieberman	Warner
Coleman	Lincoln	Webb
Conrad	McCaskill	Whitehouse
Dodd	Menendez	Wyden
Dorgan	Mikulski	
Durbin	Murray	

NAYS—40

Alexander	Crapo	McConnell
Barrasso	DeMint	Murkowski
Bennett	Domenici	Roberts
Bond	Enzi	Sessions
Brownback	Graham	Shelby
Bunning	Grassley	Snowe
Burr	Gregg	Specter
Chambliss	Hatch	Stevens
COBURN	Hutchison	Thune
Cochran	Inhofe	Vitter
Collins	Isakson	Voinovich
Corker	Kyl	Wicker
Cornyn	Lugar	
Craig	Martinez	

NOT VOTING—8

Allard	Hagel	Obama
Dole	Kennedy	Sununu
Ensign	McCain	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 52, the nays are 40. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW). The clerk will call the roll. The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COBURN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

Mr. BAUCUS. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The legislative clerk continued with the call of the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I apologize to everyone for the quorum lasting for so long, but there are certain things I have trouble getting to. Sometimes I need a little downtime to meet with staff, and there are a number of times I don't have an opportunity to do that, and meet with a number of Senators. So I apologize to everyone for not allowing the quorum to be called off. I do that very rarely, but I thought it was appropriate today.

I have a number of things I want to do and I will do that now.

Mr. President, I withdraw the motion to proceed to S. 3297.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION ACT OF 2007—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 434, S. 2035, the Free Flow of Information Act—this is the media shield bill—and I send a cloture motion to the desk. In fact, it is at the desk.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 434, S. 2035, the Free Flow of Information Act.

Harry Reid, Charles E. Schumer, Debbie Stabenow, Christopher J. Dodd, Maria Cantwell, Richard Durbin, Barbara A. Mikulski, Frank R. Lautenberg, Bernard Sanders, Robert Menendez, Patty Murray, Barbara Boxer, Ron Wyden, Ken Salazar, Bill Nelson, Daniel K. Inouye, Amy Klobuchar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now withdraw the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

JOBS, ENERGY, FAMILIES, AND DISASTER RELIEF ACT OF 2008—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed to Calendar No. 898, S. 3335, the energy extenders package, and I ask that the clerk report the cloture motion at the desk.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 898, S. 3335, the Jobs, Energy, Families, and Disaster Relief Act of 2008.

Harry Reid, Max Baucus, Bernard Sanders, Christopher J. Dodd, Maria Cantwell, Benjamin L. Cardin, Daniel K. Inouye, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Patty Murray, Ron Wyden, Debbie Stabenow, Patrick J. Leahy, Dianne Feinstein, Richard Durbin, Robert Menendez, Sherrod Brown, Carl Levin.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the junior Senator from Oklahoma has a matter he wishes to bring before the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. COBURN. I thank the majority leader for the time.

Mr. President, in the bills we did not agree to go to, I have worked with Senator BIDEN on the child exploitation alternative bill, which would protect our children from pornography and Internet exploitation. That bill is at the desk and has been filed.

After working with Senator BIDEN, adding the SAFE Act, which is an act that would decrease the amount of graphic and vile images of child pornography currently available on the Internet and help root out people selling, trading, and displaying images, and by expanding the requirements for the Internet service providers to report on online child pornography, which is a bipartisan bill as well, as were two of these components I never held in the bill, I ask unanimous consent that we call up and pass that bill, as amended, with the concurrence of the majority leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, what we have here is one of the most blatant attempts to get a cover for a vote the Republicans can't justify. The Republicans just voted against the bill that had these child pornography and child exploitation provisions in it. A few minutes ago, we had a cloture vote on the motion to begin debate on that bill. The Republicans overwhelmingly voted against it. We got three Republicans to vote for it, each of those running for reelection.

Because they feel bad about siding with big oil over important American priorities, they now want to have it both ways. Here is who they voted against: They voted against Americans with Lou Gehrig disease, they voted against American mothers who suffer from postpartum depression, they voted against justice for people murdered during the civil rights struggle, they voted against expanding programs to keep kids off drugs, they voted against Americans who want to be sure kids are safe when they visit America's beaches and swim in the oceans, and a bill including numerous other important provisions—dealing with strokes, with paralysis. If a Member of my party, a Member of my caucus forced me to vote against so many important priorities based on specious and misleading arguments, I would want a way out too.

So what we have here is a consent agreement, a consent request, I should say, that is about providing cover, not about trying to enact this legislation. To bring up Senator BIDEN's name is, at the very least, unfair, disingenuous. Senator COBURN didn't even bother to talk to the offices whose bills are cobbled together in his unanimous consent request. And in fact he didn't even bother to attend a hearing on this issue the Judiciary Committee held in April.